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Curriculum vitae

Adrian Stenton was born in Liverpool, England, on 6 November 1951. Following his secondary-school education, he spent a year in Kenya with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), teaching in a local self-help (*harambee*) secondary school in Karatina. On his return to the UK, he went to study education at the New University of Ulster in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, before switching to English language and linguistics in his second year. Upon completing his BA, he continued his studies at Guy's Hospital Medical School in London, where he obtained an MSc in Human Communication. Between 1974 and 1978 he was first a research assistant and then lecturer in English language and linguistics at the Hatfield Polytechnic (now part of the University of Hertfordshire), working on clause relations within the paragraph in technical and scientific writing. This research contributed to publications by Eugene Winter (in a special issue of *Instructional Science*, 1977) and Michael Hoey (*On the Surface of Discourse*, 1983) as well as, more pertinently, to the decision to include a significant amount of context in the attitude survey in the current study – an innovation in the field, as argued in Chapter 4 of this thesis. Collaboration with Alex de Joia at Hatfield subsequently led to their joint publication *Terms in Systemic Linguistics: A Guide to Halliday* in 1981. After doing further research in linguistics with Dick Hudson at University College London, he was appointed as an EFL dictionary editor at Longman publishers. In 1984, he became a freelance copy-editor, setting up the company Stenton Associates with his partner Helen, to oversee projects from manuscript to print. He thus contributed to the publication of Quirk et al.'s groundbreaking *Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language* (Longman, 1985) as his first major copy-editing job. In addition, he was an editorial consultant for the *BBC English Dictionary* (HarperCollins, 1992) and for the *Cambridge International Dictionary of English* (Cambridge University Press, 1995). More recently, he specialised in copy-editing academic journal articles for Cambridge University Press, which eventually led to the compilation of the Stenton Corpus of International Academic English, used in this study, as detailed in Chapter 5. Having enrolled as an external PhD candidate at the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics at the end of 2016, he retired from his job as copy-editor in 2022. After obtaining his PhD degree he plans to write a linguistic biography of Henry Alford, author of one of the usage guides featuring in this study: *The Queen's English: Stray Notes on Speaking and Spelling* (1864).